UPDATE Troopers Investigating Vehicle into Pond SR 1 Northbound at New Discovery Rd.— Townsend

Townsend — The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a single vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:06 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2019 on State Route 1 northbound in the area of New Discovery Rd., Townsend.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2016 Hyundai Sonata, operated by a 35 year old Dagsboro woman, was traveling northbound on the curved portion of State Route 1, just north of New Discovery Rd. The operator, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, lost control on the snow covered roadway, at which time the vehicle slid off the east edge of the roadway and down a snow covered grass embankment, entering into a retention pond. The vehicle became completely submerged in the water and the victim was unable to exit the vehicle. The victim was extricated from the vehicle by rescue divers, and then transported to the Christiana Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8484.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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